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Slickers prepare for war

There will be little love lost on Sunday at the revamped Marks Field when Sydney City play host to West Adelaide.

The re-opening of this splendid ground promises to be a piquant, if not dramatic affair.

West Adelaide will be led by Gerry Chaldi who, after three seasons with the Slickers, is now in their bad books, having parted on rather cool terms.

The already tense relationship between Chaldi and Sydney City was aggravated recently when the former Israeli tank commander had snatched colored Portuguese striker Manecas from under Sydney City's nose.

Another sore point will be the presence in West Adelaide of former Israeli star Shraga Topaz, appearing against the Jewish-based Sydney club.

From under the seemingly smooth surface, covered with polite pleasantries, deep running resentments and pent-up emotions may emerge.

This will be a mighty battle, not just between 22 excellent players but also between estranged personalities.

An added thrill will be to see the superbly modernised Marks Field with its covered grandstands and facilities.

The other highlight of the weekend's round will be Marconi's visit to Canberra on Monday.

The hosts are predicting a crowd of up to 10,000 at Bruce Stadium — and we forecast a superb battle between two fine teams in top form.

Both won by a four-goal margin last week and then had something to spare.

Canberra supplied one of the shocks of the weekend when they trounced St.George in Sydney.

Young Canberra fullback Danny Moulis soaring high to head a ball clear in the match against St.George.

Tourney is off

The on again, off again centenary tournament, due to be held in June seems to have been cancelled.

The ASF's secretary general Brian Le Fevre said this week it was highly unlikely that any tournament would be staged, though there would still be quite a number of international matches.

out at the agreed time, but ut at the agreed time, but unfortunately Wales and Yugoslavia won't.

And the two replacement countries — Chile and Hungary — have said they can't come at the same time as the Irish.

What's more, Hungary has refused to give a firm commitment on the tour until after April 14 when they play Czechoslovakia in an Olympic qualifying match.

He also said the tour by Real Madrid was almost certain, but the ASF was now trying to put it back by a couple of weeks so they wouldn't clash with Northern Ireland's tour.

Le Fevre also said the reported tour by Nottingham Forest was for next year, not in 1980.

He said very few details on the proposed tour had been discussed.

On the subject of national television coverage of the Philips League, Brian Le Fevre said things were at a standstill.

"At this stage it still doesn't look too hopeful, though we have a marketing man working on the issue," he said.

...and it's another goal! A Canberra player is jubilant — the Saint's defenders just watch, probably in agony.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	AGGREGATE P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	P	AWAY P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) SYDNEY CITY	4	3	1	—	8	3	+ 5	7	2	1	1	—	3	2	3	2	2	—	—	5	1	4
2 (2) HEIDELBERG	4	2	2	—	10	4	+ 6	6	2	2	—	—	9	3	4	2	—	2	—	1	1	2
3 (4) MARCONI	4	2	1	1	16	4	+12	5	2	2	—	—	13	—	4	2	—	1	1	3	4	1
4(11) CANBERRA	3	2	—	1	8	5	+ 3	4	2	1	—	1	3	4	2	1	1	—	—	5	1	2
5(10) BRISBANE LIONS	4	2	—	2	8	8	0	4	2	1	—	1	3	3	2	2	1	—	1	5	5	2
6(13) NEWCASTLE	4	1	2	1	3	5	– 2	4	2	1	—	1	1	3	2	2	—	2	—	2	2	2
7 (3) ST.GEORGE	4	2	—	2	5	9	– 4	4	2	1	—	1	2	5	2	2	1	—	1	3	4	2
8(14) ADELAIDE CITY	4	1	1	2	5	4	+ 1	3	2	1	1	—	4	1	3	2	—	—	2	1	3	—
9 (5) FOOTSCRAY	3	1	1	1	5	6	– 1	3	1	1	—	—	3	1	2	2	—	1	1	2	5	1
10 (6) LEICHHARDT	4	1	1	2	4	5	– 1	3	2	1	1	—	4	3	3	2	—	—	2	—	2	—
11 (6) STH.MELBOURNE	4	1	1	2	3	4	– 1	3	2	—	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	—	1	2	2	2
12 (8) WEST ADELAIDE	4	1	1	2	5	7	– 2	3	2	1	1	—	2	1	3	2	—	—	2	3	6	—
13 (9) BLACKTOWN	4	1	1	2	6	17	–11	3	2	1	1	—	5	3	3	2	—	—	2	1	14	—
14(12) BRISBANE CITY	4	—	2	2	1	6	– 5	2	2	—	1	1	1	2	1	2	—	1	1	—	4	1

2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna

CLUB PATROL

Lethbridge Rangers (2nd div.) are trying to add to their ambitious image by employing an established qualified senior coach, hoping to gain promotion in 1981.

They are looking at a long term youth policy that has already begun to reap benefits this season by producing players of the calibre of Peter Kerrigan (17), Ian Rankin (19), Tom Stilinovich (16), Graeme Lomas (16), Tony Brennan (20) and Peter Hazard (16). This is only a start so keep your eyes on this young Lethbridge Ranger side.

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Kingsford (3rd div.) have at last secured a new home ground by obtaining Erskineville Oval to be used by the club for eight home matches out of the 11 this season. The remaining three home matches will still be played at Turruwul Park. In a trial match last weekend Kingsford played Marrickville and finished winners at 2-1.

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Liverpool Rangers (6th div.) in their final pre-season match last weekend played Greenacre when both first and reserve grades won 2-1. Reserve grade scorers were Jim Hulbert and Alan Webb, first grade scorers were Mark Wetten and Nick Evans. Rangers play their first Federation match next Sunday against Bankstown Sports at Ireland Park, Liverpool.

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Bonnyrigg Eagles (3rd div.) utilised the last weekend before the start of the premiership competition with inter-club matches among junior and senior sides. The first and second grades met and the reserves defeated the first graders 3-2. St. Johns Park has gone through a full re-turfing with new underground sprinkler and drainage system having been installed. The park has not been used since October and it does not seem likely to be ready until early May so meanwhile Bonnyrigg will have the use of Ireland Bridge Reserve at Warwick Farm for home matches.

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Canley Heights (4th div.) have signed Bobby Nunn from Marconi and are now negotiating for another midfielder. The club has also retained the services of Peter Collins and Bobby Dalcol. The club's junior ranks have grown to 17 teams this season, forming a reliable source for future talent.

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Liverpool Albions (3rd div.) played Holroyd Rangers in their last trial of the pre-season and finished with a 4-1 result. The first half was scoreless with Albion's four goals being scored in the second half by Brian De Cilis, Alex Fairfull, Steve Bowers and Bram Jerrison. In the last minute Rangers scored their only goal to make it 4-1.

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UMBRO CUP

The final at Popendetta Park, Emerton didn't rise to any great heights.

Dee Why's defense failed to hold the Nth.Bankstown forwards only to see the shots go just wide leaving a scoreless first half.

In the 10th minute of the second half a through-ball from defender Trevor De Waal down the left wing gave Manny Cohen a chance to place the ball in top of the net for Dee Why.

Ten minutes later another build up, this time down the right hand side saw a perfectly placed ball from 25-metres by Trevor Watkins hit the inside of the upright for Dee Why's second goal.

These two very good goals were the only highlights of the match and were what won the 1980 Umbro Cup for Dee Why.

Presentation of the Cup was made by H.C. Scott-Kemis, representing the NSW Federation.

The Lethbridge Rangers Club were the hosts for the finals and congratulations are due for their effort and fine presentation.

The early match for third place was played between Gladesville-Hornsby and Lethbridge Rangers.

The Rangers went on to easily win the match 5-0 with the first goal coming from a cross by Eric Hedges for Martin Steele to slot home.

Steele scored again in the 40th minute for a half time score of 2-0.

The Rangers third and fifth goals came after through-balls by G. Lomas to Eric Hedges to score with the fourth goal being scored by defender Steve Chapman.

Arncliffe officials, while naturally pleased with the hat-trick by STEVE LEAK were even more pleased with ALAN AINSLIE's treble. They hope it is the sign of things to come, for if Ainslie fires, then the rest of the side will have plenty of ammunition to keep opposing defences busy.

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An addition to the Parramatta City first team is JOHN FORWOOD. John is a Parramatta lad who played with them most of last year before suffering a bad knee injury. He gave the game away for a few months, but now is fit and fully recovered and eager to be of value to the club.

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The problem of what to do with the SCHUMANN boys at Sutherland has been solved: play them both. RON and KEITH are both defenders, and younger brother Ron established himself in the side while Keith was making his mind up about playing this year. Now Keith is back in form he too has been included in the line up, but not at his brother's expense.

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Parramatta City officials, while not taking anything away from ALAN AINSLIE's glorious three goals, are still wondering how shots from 30 plus metres could catch any defence by surprise. They should have been watching Ainslie for years....

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Manly's ROOLIE ROOZENDAAL had been complaining of back problems after every game recently and at one stage was thinking of retiring. Then he went to a local chiropractor who manipulated a slipped disc back into place, and now Roolie is fighting fit.

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Two second graders at Arncliffe who are making officials sit up and take notice are GARY FRAZER and COLIN McHUGH. Gary is a sweeper while Colin is the reserve team's 'keeper. Both boys are 18.

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Another goalkeeper recovering from a facial injury is St.George's MIKE FRASER. An operation on his eye which was badly damaged in a friendly match in Melbourne some time ago, is now well on the mend. Mike says his doctor will probably allow him to do light jogging in a few weeks. At present he has been forbidden any physical activity to prevent his eye from receiving any setbacks.

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Some good news for Manly: CHRIS CASSETTARI who had his jaw broken in two places and fractured in three other areas, had a second operation last week which was reportedly a great success. Chris could start light training in three weeks and may be able to regain fitness within two months.

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Canberra City's magnificent striker SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO admitted after the game against St.George he had hardly trained during the week as a result of a knee injury. He said his replacement after 65 minutes was not because of that injury, but because he had received another kick to his right foot.

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The Auburn line up has taken on a distinctly Scottish sound this season, with McCAWLEY, McCOY, McKENDRICK, McCRANOR, McDONALD and McCULLOCH all in the first team.

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Manly officials admit that they don't buy many players, but they are very pleased with new boy GRAHAM FIRRELL from Ku-ring-gai. Club president GEORGE DICK says Firrell has slotted in well at the club and with the rest of the first team.

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The Manly club is anxiously awaiting the return of midfielder GREG CHAPMAN who at present is somewhere in Israel on a kibbutz. Greg went to Europe for holidays in November and was due home in late February. He sent word he was extending his holidays — on the kibbutz — and the club now doesn't know when he will be back in Sydney.

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One Parramatta City official said some good had come out of the heavy defeat by Arncliffe. Several club directors had openly expressed the view that there was not enough effort by players, and they felt the players didn't really care about results. The official said that after the game the players spent most of the evening dissecting the match, trying to figure out what did go wrong. He said their determination to rectify the errors was unmistakable and proved a boost to club morale despite the heavy loss.

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NSW YOUTH LEAGUE DRAW

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WESTERN DIVISION

ROUND 4, APRIL 5

Marconi	v	Southern District	Saturday, Ernie Smith
Gladesville	v	Western NSW	Saturday, B.O.D. No.2
Polonia	v	Nepean	Sunday, Cook
Melita	v	Blacktown Ass.	Saturday, Marayong
Baulkham Hills	v	Blacktown Utd.	Saturday, Ted Horwood
Auburn	v	Blacktown City	Saturday, Mona

ROUND 5, APRIL 7

Nepean	v	Melita	Monday, Everley
Western NSW	v	Polonia	Monday, B.O.D. No.2
Marconi	v	Gladesville	Monday, Marconi
Blacktown Utd.	v	Blacktown City	Monday, Francis
Blacktown Azs.	v	Baulkham Hills	Monday, Ted Horwood
Auburn	v	Southern District	Monday, Mona

EASTERN DIVISION

ROUND 4, APRIL 5

Sydney City	v	Manly	Saturday, Moore Park
St.George	v	Ku-ring-gai	Saturday, Parklands
Sutherland	v	Canterbury	Saturday, Arlington
Illawarra	v	APIA	Saturday, Lambert
Central Coast	v	Sydney Olympic	Saturday, Fagans Park
Arncliffe Scots	v	Southern Eastern	Saturday, Jellicoe
Bankstown	v	BYE	

ROUND 5, APRIL 7

Sydney City	v	Southern Eastern	Monday, Moore Park
St.George	v	Manly	Monday, Cromer
Sutherland	v	Ku-ring-gai	Monday, Bates Drive
Illawarra	v	Canterbury	Monday, Balgownie
Central Coast	v	APIA	Monday, Fagans
Sydney Olympic	v	BYE	
Arncliffe Scots	v	Bankstown	Monday, Bankstown S/C

LETTER TO EDITOR

I read with interest the one paragraph sentence in the column "This was the week that was" which quoted Marconi executive Frank Labbozzetta as saying: "It's a disgrace to play a PSL match on this small, short and narrow Lambert Park."

He was referring to his club's visit to Lambert Park on March 23 where they played a 2-2 draw with Leichhardt.

Frank Labbozzetta has a habit of making statements which can only make sense to himself and no one else.

For his information Lambert Park was inspected by the manager of the Philips League, John Frank who then informed the club officials that the ground was up to the required standard.

If Frank Labbozzetta felt the ground was not up to standard he should make his feelings known to the PSL.

It's the second time that Frank Labbozzetta has criticised our home venue.

The first time was last season when we played a 0-0 with Marconi at Wentworth Park.

After the game he was quoted as saying that "Wentworth Park was a disgrace because it was too bumpy and his team couldn't play football on it."

Maybe so. But he didn't complain when the week before, on the very same ground Marconi played Sydney City and beat them 4-0.

Why wasn't the ground a disgrace that week?

Maybe in a week the ground deteriorated to such an extent that good football couldn't be played?

The Leichhardt Soccer Club is proud of the work that has been carried out at Lambert Park during the off-season; it is the correct size under FIFA regulations.

Marconi and Leichhardt have a tremendous relationship with each other, and it will always be that way.

But it is a pity that some people let jealousy get the better of them.

Tony Raciti
LEICHHARDT SOCCER CLUB

"I can't make my mind up whether Brown should hang up his boots or if we should hang up Brown"

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PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

BATTLE ROYAL IN CANBERRA

— Andrew Dettre —

With Heidelberg and Marconi both playing difficult matches away from home, Sydney City could increase their lead at the top of the Phillips League.

Provided, of course, that they win against West Adelaide, in their initial match at the revamped Marks Field.

Sydney City were composed, mature and polished last week in Melbourne — but in Sydney they often look lacklustre, even blase.

However, their reservoir of talent is immense and they really seldom play badly.

West Adelaide, surprise losers last week, will be keen to gain at least one point, having lost both their away matches so far.

However, the Slickers look too strong, well balanced and classy to let this one go.

Our tip: Sydney City 3-1.

Blacktown, after yet another crushing defeat, will face South Melbourne at Gabbie — and may be without veteran Bruce Stowell who is thinking of ending his brief comeback.

At home, so far, Blacktown are unbeaten and this should give them some heart.

But they will find much less comfort in the fact that so far their defence has conceded 17 goals — more than four per game.

South Melbourne regard their defeat of last Sunday as a temporary derailment; they certainly have the players to make quick amends here.

Our tip: South Melbourne 2-1.

In the third Sydney match, Leichhardt will play Heidelberg at Lambert Park, probably drawing the best crowd.

With McKie and, hopefully, Bill Pirie now available, Leichhardt begins to look formidable enough to start its upward climb.

Heidelberg, unbeaten in four games, is oozing with talent and experience.

They don't even hide the fact that they are going after the PSL title which, so far, has eluded Melbourne clubs.

This could be a classic battle between the Leichhardt defence and the powerful Heidelberg attack.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.

Canberra could easily cause an upset on Monday against Marconi if they repeat their display of last week.

The stunningly talented Giampaolo — probably the most skilful striker in Australia — is capable of creating untold havoc in the often erratic Marconi defence.

But don't sell Marconi short: even without the injured Henderson and the suspended Krncevic, they have depth, speed and power.

Sharne, unless he is maltreated beyond repair by defenders, will leave scorchmarks on the hallowed turf of Bruce Stadium and should create enough chances for Jankovics and Vieri to stay in the race.

Our tip: 2-2 draw.

Brisbane City's problems keep compounding by the week and they languish at the bottom of the table.

With "only" Pimblett and Campbell missing from last year's team, they still look strong on paper — but seem to lack their old aggression and tenacity.

Even at home they cannot feel too confident against a fast improving Newcastle.

Mark Trenter may be absent because of his latest injury — he is very frequently in the wars — but the Novocastrians have plenty of talent to compensate for this.

We anticipate some sort of a revival from the homesters — or heads will begin to roll.

Our tip: Brisbane City 2-1.

Adelaide City's long haul back to a respectable placing started last week and should continue on Sunday against Lions.

Their problems are mainly injury based: Deans, Northcote, Villani and some others are either unfit or partly fit.

The 4-1 win against Footscray must have been the stimulant they needed.

Lions, with a scrappy display, won the points last weekend — but their form is still fairly disappointing.

Perhaps once Millman and Verwejs have slotted into the team more snugly, they can expect some improvement.

Our tip: Adelaide City 2-0.

Footscray, the colorful, charismatic, polished but unreliable ball-players, are capable of almost anything against St.George — even winning.

They certainly had their chances last week before succumbing to a more determined, more combative opponent.

The Saints, with no less than eight young, very young or very, very young players in their team, lack backbone and grit.

Their midfield is highly suspect while the attack is on the timid side, with the entire team being physically too lightweight for the robust soccer dished out in the PSL.

They are unlikely to suffer yet another huge defeat but we would be surprised to see them return with the points.

Our tip: Footscray 1-0.

PAST RESULTS

	1977	1978	1979
Leichhardt v Heidelberg	—	—	1-0
Blacktown v Sth.Melbourne	—	—	—
Sydney City v West Adelaide	1-1	2-1	3-0
Brisbane City v Newcastle	—	1-2	1-1
Footscray v St.George	0-0	2-0	1-3
Adelaide City v Brisbane Lions	0-0	1-4	2-0
Canberra v Marconi	1-0	0-0	3-1

St.George striker Denis Duarte (right) goes past Canberra goalie Richard Wilson but then misses an open goal in last week's match. Still, Duarte got his team's only goal in their 5-1 defeat.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF THE PSL

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Leichhardt	v Heidelberg	Lambert Park	3pm
Blacktown C.	v Sth.Melb.	Gabbie Stadium	3pm
Sydney City	v West Adel.	E.S.Marks Field	3pm
Brisbane C.	v Newcastle U.	Perry Park	3pm
Footscray	v St.George	Western Oval	3pm
Adelaide City	v Bris. Lions	Hindmarsh Stad.	2.30

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Canberra City	v Marconi	Bruce Stadium	3pm

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Newcastle U.	v Canberra City	Int.Sports Centre	2.30

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Heidelberg	v Brisbane City	Olympic Park	3pm
South Melb.	v Leichhardt	Middle Park	3pm
West Adel.	v Blacktown C.	Hindmarsh Stad.	2.30
Bris. Lions	v Sydney City	Lions Stadium	3pm
Marconi	v Footscray	Marconi Stadium	3pm
St.George	v Adelaide City	St.George	3pm

PSL 1980 SCOREBOARD

	Marconi	Heidelberg	Sydney City	Brisbane City	Adelaide City	Newcastle	W.Adelaide	Leichhardt	Brisb.Lions	Footscray	St.George	Canberra	S.Melbourne	Blacktown
Marconi	★			4-0										9-0
Heidelberg		★					4-2							5-1
Sydney City	2-1	1-1	★											
Brisbane City				★						1-1	0-1			
Adelaide City				0-0	★					4-1				
Newcastle			0-3			★		1-0						
W.Adelaide						1-1	★						1-0	
Leichhardt	2-2				2-1			★						
Brisb.Lions							2-1		★				1-2	
Footscray									3-1	★				
St.George								1-0			★	1-5		
Canberra					1-0				2-4			★		
S.Melbourne		0-0	1-2										★	
Blacktown						1-1					4-2			★

TOP SCORERS

KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	7
BODEN (Sydney City)	4
COLE (Heidelberg)	4
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	4
SHARNE (Marconi)	4
BEGGS (St.George)	2
GIAMPAOLO (Canberra)	2
HONEYMAN (West Adel.)	2
JONES (Newcastle)	2
J. NYSKOHUS (Adel.City)	2
PATON (Heidelberg)	2
SAMUELS (Leichhardt)	2
SMITH (Sydney City)	2

Vlasits for youth team

Joe Vlasits, doyen of Sydney coaches, has been reappointed to be in charge of the NSW under-19 State team.

Their first trial will be in May when they play a match in Canberra.

Vlasits has been provided with a list of 28 PSL and State League players eligible for the under-19 squad but he is likely to add some from minor clubs.

Soon the ASF will also make its appointment of an assistant coach to the national under-19 team.

It would be logical to name Vlasits for the post as there is nobody else even approaching his amazing successes with young players over the years.

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ADELAIDE CITY 4(1)
FOOTSCRAY 1(1)

Goals: 0-1 Kondarios (18m), 1-1 Deans (21m), 2-1 J. Nyskohus (52m, pen.), 3-1 J. Nyskohus (68m), 4-1 Northcote (88m).

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, Russell 3, Jones 4, **Melta 5**, B. Nyskohus 4, Perin 4, Muniz 4, Muir 3 **(Northcote 5, 46m)**, Deans 4, J. Nyskohus 4, Marocchi 4. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 3, Hazabent 4, Petrou 3, O'Reilly 4, Kondarios 4, Jovanovic 4, Vasic 3, Rujevic 4 (Ilioski 63m), Picioane 4, Ollerton 2 (Belic 68m), Lujic 4. **Coach:** R. Ille.

Referee: D. Stanley (SA); **crowd:** 3,300; **cautions:** Rujevic, Melta.

The inspirational influence of substitute Brian Northcote started Adelaide City on their long haul from the depths of the PSL cellar with this clear victory.

Northcote, who had been receiving specialised treatment for a spinal ailment all through the week, surprisingly entered the fray at the start of the second half.

His aggressive front running completely changed the complexion of the game as City charged to their first win of the season.

Footscray appeared set to continue their sequence of away game successes over City when big Jim Kondarios poked home a close range shot following a corner kick in the 18th minute.

But Dixie Deans kept City alive three minutes later with a superb opportunist goal which left the Footscray defence floundering.

It might easily have been a different story at the interval, however, if winger Dragan Vasic had capitalised on three great scoring opportunities.

As it was, City began their super-charged revival right from the start of the second half with Northcote firing and Agenor Muniz, who had been quiet in the first half, lifting to help consistent pair, Sergio Melta and Gary Marocchi.

City grabbed the lead seven minutes after the restart when Kondarios floored Melta as he weaved into the box and Johnny Nyskohus coolly converted the resultant penalty.

Johnny Nyskohus punctuated City's almost total dominance of the half as he brilliantly climaxed a swift sortie which involved Muniz and Northcote.

City's hour of triumph was complete two minutes from fulltime when Northcote raced in to tap the ball into the net and save Footscray fullback Chris Petrou the embarrassment of scoring an own goal after a great square pass by Deans had created the chance.

City's second half superiority was so pronounced that their young goalkeeper Peter Marshall had only a long freekick from Joe Picioane.

— Alan Crisp

2

MARCONI 4(0)
BRISBANE CITY 0

Goals: 1-0 Sharne (46m), 2-0 Krncevic (58m), 3-0 Jankovics (62m), 4-0 Sharne (68m).

MARCONI: Maher 5, Brogan 4, Prskalo 4, Russell 3 (Mariani 47m), **Degney 5**, Byrne 4, Raskpoulos 4, Vieri 3, Jankovics 4, Krncevic 4, **Sharne 5. Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 4, Potter 4, Ratcliffe 4, **Perry 5**, Gaffney 3, Palinkas 3, Low 4, Kelso 3, Brusasco 3, Coyne 4 (Tripp 86m), Wilkinson 3. **Coach:** N. Saftich.

Referee: T. Boskovic (NSW); **crowd:** 4,725; **caution:** Low; **expulsions:** Krncevic, Gaffney.

It was a story of two vastly contrasting halves. In the first 45 minutes Marconi seemed to have difficulty finding the answer to Brisbane City's packed defence.

In this period Marconi looked unimpressive with many passes going astray.

Only Degney's sorties promised some result while the star-studded strikers were tightly held by the Brisbane defenders.

Straight after the interval the picture changed completely.

Vieri and substitute Mariani, coming on for the injured Russell, began feeding accurate balls to the strikers who, all of a sudden, found their touch.

Sharne's goal, from a header, broke the spell and forced Brisbane City to abandon their ultra-defensive stance.

In the 58th minute a long cross from Mariani went to Krncevic who dashed off and sent a great drive into the corner.

Four minutes later it was 3-0 and all over for the visitors who by then showed signs of disorganisation.

Sharne paved the way with a dash and his cross found Jankovics who converted.

Sharne grabbed the last one for himself 22 minutes from end.

It was again Mariani who released a perfect ball to Sharne on the wing and he literally flew halfway through the pitch to score.

Four minutes from the end Vieri lifted the ball over a defender and flicked it to Mariani in the box.

Mariani was brought down but the referee waved play on.

Brisbane City had two good chances but wasted them both.

In the 22nd minute Kelso received a pass from Coyne but his shot was fished out from under the crossbar by Maher.

In the 39th minute confusion between Degney and Prskalo let the ball run to Brusasco in front of the goal but he shot wide.

In the second half Krncevic and Gaffney were engaged in a scuffle and Boskovic sent both off.

— M. Renwick

3

BRISBANE LIONS 2(1)
WEST ADELAIDE 1(0)

Goals: 1-0 Millman (9m), 1-1 Honeyman (60m), 2-1 Verweij (80m).

LIONS: Scanlan 3, Ontong 3, Hermiston 4, Bennett 4, Niven 3, Hogg 3, Lindsay 3, (Wilson 80m), Hughes 3, Verweij 3, Millman 4, McNaughton 3, (Reid 80m). **Coach:** M. Carson.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, McGregor 4, Maricic 3, Totsikas 3, Bozanic 3, **Manecas 5**, Topaz 3 (Atsalas 79m), Carruthers 3, Koulianos 2, (Mackie 55m), Kosmina 3, Honeyman 3. **Coach:** G. Chaldi.

Referee: C. Amos (Qld.); **crowd:** 1,550; **caution:** Carruthers.

This was no game for the purist but if your fancy enjoys a bit of old fashioned excitement Lions Stadium was the place to be.

Coach Carson had made sweeping changes as he had promised and Hogg, Scanlan and Verweij found themselves with a chance to make a first team spot their own.

Lions have a new brand of determination about their play that is going to surprise the unwary and it was sheer guts that gave them the lead when Lindsay sent a speculative lob over the Westad backline and Millman simply powered his way through to get his toe under the ball and lift it over Crook's head.

The ball struck the post, bounced out, ther spun over the line.

Westad had been knocked right out of their stride but Manecas was showing lots of class and was desperately unlucky when he hit the post after some beautiful lead-up work.

The second half saw Lions roar forward again, ignoring Westad's more studied attempts at build-up and only some desperate defence saved the visitors in a tremendous goalmouth melee.

Then Verweij waltzed into the penalty box and was sent sprawling by a badly timed tackle. Westad players went into a frenzy but Niven stopped all the feuding by missing from the spot.

Then Hughes did well to get to a Millman layoff, but chipped over.

Manecas, lurking wide on the right received a long pass and immediately attacked.

He drew Lions defence to him then switched the play 40 yards with an inch-perfect ball to Honeyman who wasted no time in putting it past Scanlan.

This galvanised Westad and suddenly Lions were in trouble. For twenty minutes they were pounded back into their own area and corner followed corner with the ball being booted anywhere.

Hermiston kicked a certain goal off the line and with that the spell was broken.

Millman once again forced himself past the defence and put over a superb cross to Verweij who picked his spot.

— J. Binnie

4

STH. MELBOURNE 1(0)
SYDNEY CITY 2(1)

Goals: 0-1 Boden (30m), 0-2 Boden (52m), 1-2 Buljevic (85m).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 4, Bannon (Kalafatides 30m, 2), Xantopoulos 2, Blair 3, Lutton 3, Davidson 2, Christopoulos 2, Rogers 2 (Cummings 46m), Campbell 2, Evans 4, Buljevic 2. **Coach:** J. Margaritis.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 3, **Mullen 6**, Spanos 4, O'Connor 4, Bruce 4, **Stevenson 5, Barnes 5**, (Souness 85m), **Watson 5, Boden 6, Silva 5**, Smith 3. **Coach:** E. Thomson.

Referee: Chris Bambridge (Vic.); **crowd:** 5,000.

It's back to the drawing board for South Melbourne after this second defeat in a row.

South coach John Margaritis rushed back Alan Davidson into the side to keep his prematch promise of giving the same side a chance to settle into a pattern.

"I'm prepared to keep the same team for up to 10 matches, barring injuries," he had said.

Margaritis favours Davidson to partner George Christopoulos and Billy Rogers in midfield, but the way the trio performed the coach might be forced into a rethink.

Sydney's Barnes, Stevenson, Watson and Silva dominated the middle of the park and the Slickers were never in danger of losing the two points despite the close result.

City could have won by a bigger score but persisted in a 4-4-2 formation for the 90 minutes.

Kenny Boden opened the score after 30 minutes heading home from a nod on by Murray Barnes following a cross by Ian Bruce.

The same player netted the second after 52 minutes knocking in a free kick by Bruce which eluded the defence.

The player of the match was Sydney fullback Kevin Mullen, making a return to the side after his marital excursion.

He hardly gave winger Branko Buljevic a look in throughout the match and on this performance must be in with a claim for the Australian fullback berth again.

South had a flurry towards the end of the match and Buljevic made the score look respectable with a neat chip over the 'keeper at the 85th minute after he had turned on Alun Evans' short pass.

— D. Pearson

5

ST. GEORGE 1(0)
CANBERRA 5(2)

Goals: 0-1 Utjesenovic (15m., o.g.), 0-2 Valeri (36m), 0-3 Cole (51m), 1-3 Duarte (65m), 1-4 Valeri (87m), 1-5 Maclaren (91m).

ST.GEORGE: D.Smith 2, Groome 3, McIntosh 3, Utjesenovic 3, Terry 3, Kay 2, Davies 2, Katholos 3, Duarte 3, Beggs 2 (Fenoughty 60m), Griffith 3. **Coach:** R. Blanco.

CANBERRA CITY: Wilson 4, Moulis 4 (M.O'Shea 70m), **Stark 5**, Milovanovic 4, Williams 4, Cole 3, J. O'Shea 4, R. O'Shea, Valeri 3, **Giampaolo 5**, (Maclaren 65m), Brennan 3. **Coach:** V. Fernandez.

Referee: R. Lorenc (NSW); **crowd:** 3,033.

The duel by the two Argentinian coaches was clearly won by Vic Fernandez: his team was superior in every way especially in maturity and creativity.

Canberra made — and wasted — eight enormous chances apart from their goals, as against the three by the Saints and the final scoreline could easily have been catastrophic for the hosts.

An incredible own goal, headed home by Utjesenovic from some 25 metres, was followed by the best goal of the match when Valeri took a ball down on his thigh, turned and volleyed it into the roof of the net from 30 metres — a world class effort.

Brennan and Cole could have added to the tally while at the other end Richard Wilson proved his class with a great save at pointblank range.

Canberra resumed after halftime with a series of whirlwind attacks and should have got two more goals when first Giampaolo, then Stark just headed wide.

Then, in the 51st minute, newcomer Duncan Cole let a screamer go from 20 metres — and the 3-0 doomed the Saints.

Two minutes later Giampaolo sailed through the defence with all spinnakers flying but his shot smacked against the crossbar, then Brennan's thunderbolt was fingertipped over the bar by Smith.

Duarte pulled one back for the Saints after 65 minutes, beating a loose offside trap.

Brennan missed the greatest chance of the game in the 86th when he skirted the goalie yet missed an open target.

At the end, the disheartened Saints cracked. In the 87th minute Kay gave the ball away to Valeri who sped off and slammed the ball home between Smith's legs and four minutes later, after a solo run, Maclaren lobbed the hapless goalie.

On the day, the more mobile Canberra, using the wings and throughballs intelligently, outclassed their opponents.

The youngsters of the Saints simply wilted under pressure while the defence was totally outwitted and outgunned.

— Andrew Dettre

6

NEWCASTLE 1(1)
LEICHHARDT 0(0)

Goal: 1-0 Jones (40m).

NEWCASTLE: Preston 4, Reaney 4, Drinkwater 3, Bertogna 3, Cowburn 4, Senkalski 4, Mason 4, **Tredinnick 5**, Heys 3 (Kamasz 69m), Trenter 4 (Burrows 87m), Jones 4. **Coach:** A.Vest.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 4, McGinn 3, Wilson 4, Dempsey 3, Pullen 3, Bradley 3, (Skellern 87m), McAusland 4, Stone 3, O'Connor 4, McKie (Samuels 73m), O'Donnell 3. **Coach:** W.Wallace.

Referee: K. Allen (Canberra); **crowd:** 7,517; **caution:** Trenter.

Leichhardt felt that they deserved at least a share of the points pointing to two goalline clearances by clever young defender Brett Cowburn, one in each half.

But Newcastle grabbed the all important goal in the 40th minute, only minutes after skipper Roy Drinkwater had muffed a penalty kick.

It was obvious early in the match that there would be some fiery duels involving tearaway striker Mark Trenter and the tough Leichhardt defenders Peter Wilson and Jim Dempsey.

Trenter received a caution minutes before halftime and late in the game Wilson strangely avoided a similar admonition by referee Allen after the former Australian captain had brought Trenter down from behind.

Trenter was forced to leave the field later in the game with a back injury suffered in the incident.

Coach Vest also took Graham Heys off in the 69th minute replacing him with the eager David Kamasz.

In the opening minutes ball playing winger Phil O'Connor spelt trouble for the home defence when he "ghosted" through to an unmarked position but his final shot soared over the crossbar.

Leichhardt almost swept into the lead shortly afterwards when a great header from Wilson beat goalkeeper Jim Preston only to find Cowburn ideally situated on the goalline to clear.

Left midfielder Peter Tredinnick, Newcastle's outstanding player in the first half made many penetrating runs and 'keeper Greg Woodhouse had to be alert on two occasions to smother balls from the wing.

Newcastle's big chance came in the 35th minute when Trenter had his legs swept from under him by Mark Pullen.

But Woodhouse cleverly "read" Drinkwater's attempt from the spot to save.

Minutes later a freekick by Craig Mason was only partially cleared by the Leichhardt defence and Jones ripped in a fine left foot drive past Woodhouse.

In a hectic closing stanza the Newcastle defence had several palpitating moments before the final whistle.

— Myles Hay

7

HEIDELBERG 5(2)
BLACKTOWN 1(1)

Goals: 1-0 Rooney (15m), 2-0 Selemides (24m), 2-1 2-1 Pollard (26m), 3-1 Paton (56m), 4-1 Cole (83m), 5-1 Campbell (84m).

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 4, **McMillan 5**, Yzendoorn 4, Bannon 4, Tansey 4, **Campbell 5, Selemides 5**, Rooney 4, Paton 4, **Cole 5, Bozikas 6. Coach:** Rooney/Bannon.

BLACKTOWN: James 4, Harris 3, Stowell 3, Campbell 3, Turnbull 3, Pollard 3, Harding 4, Ortega 3, Hunter 3, Wilkinson 4, Fisher 3. **Coach:** M. Jones.

Referee: Jack Johnston; **crowd:** 4,085; **cautions:** Harris.

Heidelberg are beginning to look like a slick, well oiled machine and it was fascinating to watch the patterns of play developing.

There is no end to the running that they do off the ball and the amount of thought and work they're putting into freekicks must surely produce a spectacular goal soon.

Blacktown found themselves a goal down as early as the 15th minute mark.

Andy Bozikas started the move just inside Blacktown's left half.

He carried the ball across and then down the opposite wing, before crossing for Jamie Paton to flick on for Cole to shoot.

James did well to block the shot but the ball ran loose to Jimmy Rooney and he tucked it in at the near post.

Nine minutes later Theo Selemides netted Heidelberg's second with a spectacular diving header from Bozikas' corner kick.

Paton later said he redirected the ball with his knee before it crossed the line but the goal was awarded to Selemides.

Paton did not have to convince anyone about the third goal because it was one of his special "sniffer" jobs.

This goal was the one James "created". He was under no pressure to cut out Rooney's left wing cross but elected unnecessarily to punch the ball away.

The ball got only as far as Campbell who hit it on the volley in Paton's direction. The latter had his back to goal but scored all the same with a great back-headed flick over the 'keeper and just under the bar.

United's fourth and fifth goals came within a minute of each other six minutes from time.

Cole scored the fourth wallopping home Pat Bannon's left wing cross while Campbell rounded off the score with a shot from outside the area following an error by Carlos Ortega.

Blacktown's consolation goal was scored around the half hour mark by courtesy of Yakka Banovic.

The 'keeper knocked down Dave Harding's freekick in the path of Steve Pollard and the ball, intentionally or otherwise, rebounded off Pollard's boot into the net.

— P. Desira

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE '80

match post-mortem

Dissection by Andrew Dettre

Williams in big come- back

A few years ago he was hailed as the most naturally gifted player in Australian soccer and the best Aboriginal star since the days of Charlie Perkins. He was an automatic selection for the Socceroos, went to the World Cup finals in West Germany in 1974 and seemed destined to stay at the top for years. Then — he vanished from the scene. After his transfer to Canberra City two years ago, the seriously injured Harry Williams was dropping out. But he's back now — and last Sunday, against his old team St.George, fans could see a glimpse of his exciting skills again.

SW: How long were you out of the game?

HW: Practically two full seasons. First I had a very bad groin injury and then, when I finally recovered, I tore a hamstring. That put me out for most of last year.

SW: How is your health now?

HW: No problems anymore. I attended physiotherapy for quite a while and then exercised myself, too, apart from attending hospital two or three times a week. It was a torture.

SW: When did you feel fit enough to resume training?

HW: About two months before the season, when I trained myself five times a week. I don't think I'm quite fit yet but it's all coming back gradually.

SW: How old are you now?

HW: I'll be 29 in May. I'm still enjoying my soccer enormously. I feel like 19 again.

SW: Do you think you still have a chance to get back into the national team?

HW: That's one of my aims. I've never lost the enthusiasm I had for the game, I still love training and do a little bit extra whenever I can.

SW: Have you noticed any difference in the game since your absence?

HW: I think the game is faster than it used to be and most teams a lot harder to play against. In fact, the standard of soccer is much better now. I believe there are many more excellent players around now than there were two or three years ago.

SW: I believe you have a very good job in Canberra?

HW: Yes, I'm with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. I work in an area where I may be able to offer some assistance to my own people, people who are obviously worse off than most other Australians and to me that's satisfaction. I really couldn't ask for anything better than that.

SW: Does it help that Charlie Perkins is your boss in the Department and also your club president?

HW: Charlie has been a very close friend of mine for a number of years. Going to Canberra to work in his department and being a close friend has helped; he has given me a lot of encouragement off the field.

SW: What did you expect from the game against St.George?

HW: I was really looking forward to it. This was the first game I've played against my old team. It turned out to be a good day. Unfortunately we gave St.George a bit of a hiding but that's the way it goes.

SW: Do you still have a soft spot for them?

HW: I always will. St.George helped me a lot in my early days and that's something I'll never forget; their officials, staff and the whole club have always been kind to me.

SW: Have you got your old dash back yet?

HW: I have it in training but I don't seem to have it in the park. Perhaps I'm not quite as confident yet as I used to be. I've got the speed, it's just a matter of using it. I also felt I was a marked man today.

SW: How come — at fullback?

HW: Yes, I had a man who shadowed me, I'm sure my winger was instructed to follow me when I overlapped.

SW: How do you see the talent in this exciting Canberra team?

HW: We've got a lot of talent and now it's up to the boys and the coach to bring it out. I think it will come. We've had some problems clearing new players and others had to settle into the team and it's been a difficult transition period.

SW: Everybody seems to be an admirer of Giampalo. How do you rate him?

HW: I think he needs to work on his game, tighten it up. He needs to be a bit more confident but most of all, he needs time to settle into a PSL side after playing in the State League.

SW: How do you get on with coach Vic Fernandez?

HW: He's a quiet man — but a tough taskmaster really. He always wants to get every ounce out of his players but also has excellent tactical ideas.

SW: Your tip for the title?

HW: Sydney City and Marconi are entitled to feel favorites but I think they'll have to sweat for every point. I'm sure Marconi will find this out on Monday when they come to us in Canberra.

Harry Williams.

JUICY BITS FOR APIA — LEICHHARDT

Leichhardt this week announced their new sponsor for the 1980 season, the soft drink manufacturers Mr. Juicy.

The sponsorship is believed to be worth about $20,000 for the year.

In addition, Mr. Juicy is likely to accept a sponsorship for APIA-Leichhardt's 23 junior teams.

They will also offer a special bonus to the club if their PSL team makes the top four.

Leichhardt will wear the name of Mr. Juicy on their shirts.

TIDE TURNING

Is the tide turning? Three top coaches, all with PSL and State team experience are now actively employed coaching kids.

Ian Kesson who was Brisbane City's first coach is employed with Lions with the brief for specialised coaching of outstanding youngsters.

Gyula Vincze who took Lions to sixth spot in PSL is Junior Director of Coaching at Brisbane Lions.

Dennis Ford who was at Brisbane City after being Qld. Director of Coaching is now holding the same position for the Brisbane Northern Junior body.

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS...

Vic Fernandez, Canberra City: "I was thrilled with the boys for the 90 minutes. Now I'm sad about the execution of my former club."

★ ★ ★

Young Canberra fullback Danny Moulis had to leave the field last Sunday with badly bruised shins. "I keep telling him to wear shinpads or he'll end up like John Warren whose shins hardly ever healed," said Vic Fernandez.

★ ★ ★

Terry Byrne is now fit to resume playing for Canberra — and could get a spot in the team replacing the out of form Tony Brennan.

★ ★ ★

St.George manager Les Bordacs: "I knew that our youngsters couldn't produce a steady display week after week but I was still not prepared for this heavy defeat."

★ ★ ★

St.George's sidelined stars Rudi Gnavi and Roy Cotton played in the reserve team last week — badly, playing 1-1 with Belmore.

★ ★ ★

Marconi and Socceroo star Tony Henderson will resume training next week, having been medically cleared for his groin injury.

★ ★ ★

Eddie Krncevic, Marconi and Larry Gaffney, Brisbane City, the first two players sent off this season, will receive an automatic one-week suspension.

★ ★ ★

Four rounds have been played so far in the PSL — and not one goal scored from a penalty.

★ ★ ★

Canberra's New Zealand International goalie Richard Wilson gave a great display in his debut on Sunday and Steve Hoszowski will have a battle on his hands to regain his position.

★ ★ ★

John McKie played his first match for Leichhardt in Newcastle and on Sunday, at Lambert Park, Bill Pirie is also likely to be launched.

★ ★ ★

Blacktown coach Mick Jones: "We're learning with every game. We'll improve once the two injured players — Cliff Pointer and Nick Hormazabal — return. They will help steady the team. I've been unable to field my strongest side since the first match."

★ ★ ★

Jimmy Rooney: "It's no use talking about championships yet. It has to be our aim of course, but we're tackling it week by week looking only as far as the next match. We still lack depth but the return of Kenny Taylor from Scotland this week and Bob Provan who's recovering from a cartilage operation should help."

★ ★ ★

Willie Wallace, coach of Leichhardt was not downhearted about the defeat by Newcastle United. He said his players were never out of the game and he was particularly impressed by the performance of Australian youth international Peter Tredinnick. He now eagerly awaits the arrival of Pirie to strengthen his goalscoring ranks.

★ ★ ★

Coach Alan Vest of Newcastle United, complete with his victory cigar, felt that his players had played with much greater spirit and dedication than in other PSL matches this season. "The defence acquitted itself well when it is realised that experienced players Col Curran and Bill Summerscales were out of action recovering from nagging injuries," he said.

★ ★ ★

Brisbane Lions' Matt Carson: "That was a tough battle but the boys have to take credit for the way they came back from the ropes. They got full marks for effort."

★ ★ ★

West Adelaide's Gerry Chaldi: "We got what we deserved. This was the worst game I have had the misfortune to be associated with in my time in Philips League and to think we lost it. It is unthinkable. Lions are the worst team I have seen since Mooroolbark, no football, very little skill, and yet we lost..."

★ ★ ★

Eighty-eight Canberra and district primary, high and college schools have so far accepted the Canberra City Sportstar of the Week scheme. The award will run for about 25 weeks with a one complimentary match pass as well as a certificate going to each week's winner at every school.

★ ★ ★

Les Scheinflug, Marconi: "We played badly in the first half, failing to analyse the opposition. It's clear that our team at present lacks a cool playmaker."

★ ★ ★

Marconi will have to reshuffle for Monday. With Krncevic suspended for a week and Russell injured, Mariani may play at freeback and either Lindsay or Selvage will be brought into the team.

★ ★ ★

Yugal's hopes

After hitting rock bottom in the last couple of years which included relegation, Yugal hopes for a revival and though results so far are nothing to boast about, the team will "come good" in the near future.

These are the hopes of long time Yugal player and clubman and now coach Ilya Takac who has taken up the challenge to reshape the fortunes of the club.

Ilya has played for 10 long years for Yugal, he also coached St.George for two years and certainly knows what soccer is all about.

He has a new committee behind him which includes familiar faces such as Joe and Michael Alagich, Nick Serdarevic and others in whom he places a lot of faith in helping him to pull the club out of the doldrums.

Takac, who took the team a couple of weeks ago has already bought Joe Clarke a central defender and hopes to get a couple of more players within the next two weeks.

Incidentally, Yugal is going for a club licence for premises they acquired on Broadway.

The hearing in the court is set down for this week and the committee expects to have a licence within the next six or eight weeks.

OUR GIRLS GO TO NZ

The Australian Womens soccer team is to tour New Zealand from May 18 to 24, after a week at training camp at St.Gregory's Agricultural College, Badgally Road (off Blaxland Road), Campbelltown.

New Zealand and Australia played a test series in Sydney and Brisbane in October, 1979 and the results of that test were:

Seymour Shaw Park, Sydney, Australia 2, N.Z. 2; Seymour Shaw Park, Sydney, Australia 0, N.Z. 1; Perry Park, Brisbane, Australia 1, N.Z. 0.

The Australian team competed in the Womens World Invitation Tournament in Taiwan in October, 1978. Australia won two games, drew two games and lost one.

Ten of the girls that toured Taiwan are in the current team of 15.

The Australian womens soccer team is:

New South Wales: Toni McMahon (19), Julie Dolan (19), Cindy Heydon (19, Leigh Wardell (19), Rosemary Van Bruinessen (17), Jamie Rosman (16).

Victoria: Shona Bass (22), Kim Coates (22), Theresa Jones (17).

Western Australia: Sandra Brentnall (18), Judith Pettitt (18), Sharon Matelijan (23), Julie Clayton (22).

Queensland: Sue Monteath (22).

South Australia: Diana Hall (22).

Coach: Jim Selby; manageress: Mrs. Noelene Stanley; physiotherapist: Mr. Jan Monteath; official: Mrs. Elaine Watson (president of Australian Womens Soccer Association).

ADELAIDE

Starting this year the S.A. Soccer Federation will stage a Charity Shield match at Hindmarsh Stadium, one week before the start of the Rothmans State League.

This year it will be played on Saturday, April 5 at 3 p.m. between Beograd, Rothmans champions and Federation Cup holders Port Adelaide.

S.A. State side is preparing for its annual match on Easter Monday, against Victoria.

Last week they played a West Adelaide XI and won 4-1.

This Thursday they are due to meet Adelaide City.

The side looked really sharp against West Adelaide.

The line-up was: Marshall (Jacques), B. Nyskohus, Maricic, Jones, Bozanic, Melta, Topaz (Santrac), Russell, B. Nyskohus, Kosmina, Norris.

— Vic Migliaccio

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STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita	3	—	—	7	1	6
Olympic	2	1	—	6	3	5
Arncliffe	1	2	—	6	4	4
Bankstown	2	—	1	7	3	4
Croatia	1	2	—	4	2	4
Sutherland	1	2	—	4	2	4
Auburn	1	1	1	5	6	3
Parramatta	1	1	1	6	9	3
Avala	1	—	2	3	4	2
Canterbury	1	—	2	3	5	2
Nth.Sydney	1	—	2	3	6	2
Manly	—	1	2	4	6	1
Monaro	—	1	2	1	5	1
Ku-ring-gai	—	1	2	2	7	1

GRADE 2

Canterbury	3	—	—	8	3	6
Ku-ring-gai	2	1	—	5	2	5
Croatia	2	1	—	6	3	5
Avala	2	—	1	7	4	4
Manly	2	—	1	3	1	4
Auburn	2	—	1	2	2	4
Olympic	1	1	1	5	3	3
Arncliffe	1	1	1	3	3	3
Melita	1	—	2	8	8	2
Nth.Sydney	1	—	2	3	4	2
Sutherland	—	2	1	2	4	2
Parramatta	—	—	3	1	6	—
Monaro	—	—	3	3	9	—
Bankstown	—	—	3	2	11	—

GRADE 3

Auburn	3	—	—	10	—	6
Ku-ring-gai	2	1	—	10	3	5
Sutherland	2	—	—	4	—	4
Olympic	1	1	1	4	3	3
Canterbury	1	2	—	3	2	4
Bankstown	1	1	1	4	4	3
Manly	1	1	1	3	3	3
Parramatta	1	1	1	6	7	3
Melita	—	2	1	3	4	2
Nth.Sydney	—	1	2	3	5	1
Croatia	—	1	1	2	7	1
Avala	—	1	2	3	9	1
Arncliffe	—	1	2	2	10	1

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1

Bathurst	2	1	—	3	1	5
Polonia	2	—	1	15	6	4
Blacktown C.	1	2	—	5	2	4
Leichhardt	1	1	—	5	2	3
Marconi	1	1	—	3	1	3
St.George	1	1	—	3	1	3
Wollongong	1	1	—	3	1	3
Sydney City	1	1	1	5	4	3
Penrith	1	—	1	3	5	2
Revesby	—	2	1	2	8	2
Belmore	—	1	—	1	1	1
Yugal	—	1	2	3	8	1
Blacktown Utd.	—	—	2	—	4	—
Uni NSW	—	—	2	—	5	—
Warringah	—	—	3	—	9	—

GRADE 2

Blacktown C.	3	—	—	12	2	6
Sydney City	3	—	—	11	2	6
St.George	2	1	—	10	1	5
Wollongong	2	—	—	8	2	4
Penrith	2	—	—	5	2	4
Leichhardt	1	1	—	6	1	3
Blacktown Utd.	1	1	—	3	1	3
Uni NSW	1	—	2	1	5	2
Warringah	1	—	2	2	10	2
Revesby	—	1	2	3	5	1
Bathurst	—	1	2	2	5	1
Polonia	—	1	2	3	11	1
Marconi	—	—	2	1	4	—
Belmore	—	—	1	—	5	—
Yugal	—	—	3	1	12	—

GRADE 3

Blacktown C.	3	—	—	14	2	6
Sydney City	3	—	—	14	3	6
St.George	2	—	1	19	1	4
Leichhardt	2	—	—	7	—	4
Marconi	2	—	—	7	1	4
Uni NSW	2	—	1	5	16	4
Polonia	1	1	1	7	6	3
Belmore	1	—	—	1	—	2
Penrith	1	—	1	3	3	2
Revesby	—	1	2	3	8	1
Wollongong	—	—	1	1	3	—
Warringah	—	—	2	1	6	—
Blacktown Utd.	—	—	2	—	8	—
Bathurst	—	—	3	2	11	—
Yugal	—	—	3	2	16	—

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DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri —

Newcomers to first division Bathurst grabbed the lead of the competition after beating University of NSW with an only goal scored in the first minute of the game at Prince Henry oval.

The students fought back strongly and although they attacked for long periods they simply couldn't finish; they couldn't even score a penalty awarded to them late in the game.

But the big surprise of the round was the downfall of Polonia in a high scoring game against Sydney City.

Polonia were behind for most of the game but they did manage to level the score to 3-3.

In the previous two games Polonia scored 12 goals, conceding only two.

In another surprise St.George were lucky to get away with a draw against Belmore. St.George did everything but score and the goal that gave them a point was scored by Belmore defender Phil Lambert.

At Wollongong, Mike Johnson's boys were never flat out against Warringah and still managed to win 2-0.

Making his debut in this game was 15-year-old Ray Vliestra who showed plenty of talent in his role as a sweeper. John Bingham and Mick Terziouski scored the goals.

Two goals by budding young striker Paul Scheinflug, the son of Les Scheinflug, the Marconi coach gave Marconi a good win over Blacktown United. Paul scored one of the goals from a penalty.

Down by two goals, Yugal put up a fight against Leichhardt to level the score, but all was in vain as in a 15-minute burst, Leichhardt scored another three to win convincingly.

This coming weekend two rounds of first division football will be played on Saturday and Monday.

Details from last week's games were:

LAST WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
Inter-Monaro v Croatia	0-0	2-3	—
Syd.Olymp.v Sutherland	1-1	0-0	0-1
Melita v Avala	2-0	2-5	1-1
Auburn v Manly	3-2	1-0	1-0
Arncliffe v Parramatta	6-2	1-0	1-6
Ku-ring-gai v Bankstown	0-3	3-1	2-1
NS Inter v Cant M'ville	0-1	0-2	1-1

FIRST DIVISION

Leichhardt v Yugal	5-2	5-0	5-0
Blacktown C.v Revesby	1-1	3-2	2-0
Sydney City v Polonia	4-3	7-1	4-2
Uni of NSW v Bathurst	0-1	1-0	3-2
Wollongong v Warringah	2-0	6-1	—
Blacktown U. v Marconi	0-2	2-0	0-4
Belmore v St.George	1-1	0-5	1-0

DIVISION 5

Syd.Maccabi v N.Rocks	2-0	1-0

UNIBOND CUP

Lethbridge v Glad-Horns.	5-0
N.Bankstown v Dee Why	0-2

BLACKTOWN v MARCONI 0-2

Goals: Scheinflug (2).
Blacktown: Rentovetsky, Young, Eldridge, Hanisch, Foster, Burtenshaw, Crone (Murray), Clarke, De Valle, Svarc, Milakovic. **Coach:** D. Zeman.
Marconi: De Marcon, Swain, Calderan, Mason-Wells, Morson, Tomasich, Selvage, Colusso, Scheinflug, Stark, Kelly. **Coach:** L. Nesti.

BELMORE v ST.GEORGE 1-1

Goals: De Mestre; Lambert (o.g.).
Belmore: Hawthorn, Martin, Jones, Lambert, Vergos, Franks (Sheehan), De Mestre, Billinghurst, Reynolds, Roberts, Allan. **Coach:** O. Klaus.
St.George: Patterson, Skeen, Ververis, Tuntevski, Holmik, Morlando (Bernotte), Gnavi, Barton, Cotton, Dredge, (Peters), Fraser. **Coach:** T. Zuckerman.

UNI OF NSW v BATHURST 0-1

Uni of NSW: Galen, Hughes, Thomas, T. Popovich, V. Popovich, Wren, Kelly, Harris, Keluen, Sackett, Benecke. **Coach:** R. Harbour.
Bathurst: Not available.

LEICHHARDT v YUGAL 5-2

Goals: Savidis (2), Samuels, Drews, Gaitatzis; O'Brien, Rodas.
Leichhardt: Hoare, Skellern (De Ceglie), Brown, Watts, Casacchia, Gaitatzis, Savidis, Gray, Trianfayllou, Samuels (Ceccon), Drews. **Coach:** C. Van Blerk.
Yugal: Kostidis, Panic, Radivojevic, Clarke, Novakovic, Kolarevic, Milic, Delaney, O'Brien, Rodas, Tanoski. **Coach:** I. Takac.

SYDNEY CITY v POLONIA 4-3

Goals: Miladinski (2), De Silva, Henry, Lemanczyk (2), A. Budini.
Sydney City: Berry, Woods, Sorge, Rogers, Gomez, Lee (McGrouther), C. Spanos, De Silva, Henry, Miladinski, (Svynos), Dickinson. **Coach:** D. Hoggart.
Polonia: Greenfield, Svigelj, Harris, Carruthers, Wisniewski, J. Bates, McRory (O'Donovan), Sookee (A. Bates), Lemanczyk, R. Budini, A. Budini. **Coach:** S. Wozniczka.

BLACKTOWN CITY v REVESBY 1-1

Goals: Pina; McGovern.
Blacktown City: Freeman, Rasmussen, Cuk, Pina, Cranston, Taylor, Finch, Manning, Landon, Batten (Cuff), Pearson. **Coach:** A. Edmondson.
Revesby: Pearsall, Larkings, Hargreaves, McDonagh, Pittman, Butler, Morrow, Gill, (Piror), Mackin, McGovern, Midford. **Coach:** L. Dobin.

WOLLONGONG v WARRINGAH 2-0

Goals: Bingham, M. Terziouski.
Wollongong: M. Terziouski, Montecchi, Trajevski, Traikovski, Sattin, Campbell (Talevski), Bingham, Jirsa, M. Terziouski, Dfkovski. **Coach:** M. Johnson.
Warringah: Not available.

FROM THE PRESS BOX

LOCAL FOREIGNERS...

This week I was loudly singing the praises of Canberra's Sebastian Giampaolo to a Sydney PSL club official, eloquently describing his velvety skills and enormous potential.

I said I couldn't understand — and I really can't — how Rudi Gutendorf can keep overlooking this fellow who has just about everything coaches usually dream about.

"But is he eligible to play for Australia?" the official interrupted.

Well. Really. So we are still at that stage.

Giampaolo was born in Canberra — but happens to have a lovely, almost musical Italian name. So he must be a foreigner.

The same happens pretty often when people talk about Krncevic, Jankovics, Selemidis, Katholos, Spanos, Bertogna, Kosmina, Nyskohus and countless others — all born here, all children of migrants.

Will they ever be "accepted" by the public at large — or should we always put, after their names in brackets (b.in Aust.)?

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LUCKY LONDONERS

According to a daily newspaper report, Sir Arthur George brought back from London the bright news that English TV will soon include Australian segments.

The report didn't say for whom this news was bright. Maybe for the English viewers?

I can see Brian Moore's smiling eyes as he announces it:

"And now, a change in our program. Instead of taking you to White Hart Lane to see Tottenham and Liverpool in action where our 15 cameras are waiting, we take you to exotic Australia, to Koala Park for a local match.

"Let's see the teams. No, let's first introduce to the viewers all the spectators. Hello, sir, welcome. And you name is...?"

CHARLIE'S BLAST

First it was Marconi's Tony Labbozzetta, then Sydney City's Frank Lowy, now it's the turn of Canberra president Charles Perkins to publicly blast the unhappy ASF-PSL nexus.

Perkins, high ranking public servant, Aborigine activist and author ("A bastard like me") merely added to the increasing volume of grumblings by clubs over the way the PSL is run — and run by the ASF executive.

Sir Arthur George, usually an astute reader of signs, is certain to take notice of the growing dissatisfaction among the ranks.

The pity of it is that there is absolutely no guarantee that the PSL would be transformed into a model organisation if it gained total administrative independence from the ASF.

However, at least the PSL could charter its own destiny and not be irked by decisions forced on them by States and individuals who have little or no direct interest in our national competition at all.

The ASF executive may commit a serious blunder if it dismisses the grievances of the PSL clubs too lightly.

Without sensible and proper action, the present rift between the PSL clubs and the ASF is almost certain to develop into a deep schism, leading possibly to a clean break.

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WHO'S COMING?

Wales and Yugoslavia are out but Hungary and Chile are in.

Well, not quite; perhaps the Hungarians won't come as they may follow the Moscow line which refuses sporting contact with the right-wing military junta of Chile.

Then: AC Milan will tour. Great. Great? "Scandal hits Milan...the club may be relegated to the second division..."

Finally: Real Madrid will come. Definitely. Unless, of of course...yes, unless it's Nottingham Forest, maybe Colombia's national team.

And so it goes, ad infinitum and ad nauseam and a few more ads.

The crazy part is not the uncertainty of these tours but the incredible clumsiness with which mere plans are announced, usually prematurely.

Surely some semblance of order could be introduced to this chaos.

The ASF does have a Tours Committee; it also has, I seem to remember, a resolution precluding clubs and private individuals from arranging tours.

It doesn't matter much, really, who is in charge of these tours — as long as they are well done and details announced after the contracts had been signed.

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DEMISE OF DISTRICTS

You wonder how some of our NSW State League clubs can manage.

Crowds of 300 and less — down to about 125 — are not uncommon at their games, providing extremely humble income.

I don't want to revive the old ethnic v district club controversy but it's apparent that the only clubs capable of drawing large crowds are Croatia, Olympic and Melita.

The sad thing is that the district clubs — or most of them anyway — just cannot mobilise local support.

The weekend before last Sutherland drew 210 people on a day when their neighbours, St.George, played a PSL match in Brisbane and there was no rival attraction for miles around.

Maybe we have too many semi-professional clubs in Sydney; maybe some would be better off to rejoin the ranks of amateur outfits to secure their financial survival.

If moderately successful district clubs just can't be sold to their own public, the time may have come for them to take stock and pose the question: Is it all worthwhile?

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— Andrew Dettre

NSW STATE LEAGUE

Eagles could stay at top

— By Paul James —

After quietly building his side up and getting to know his new charges, Melita coach Atti Abonyi has unleashed an aggressive, attacking side on the State League and they now occupy top place.

While most people were looking to Olympic and Croatia to dominate, Melita established themselves with three wins from three games for the only 100 percent record in the league.

This week they have the chance to maintain that record by defeating North Sydney.

Norths went down narrowly to fellow strugglers Canterbury last week and unless they can add some experience to the line-up the youngsters will face an uphill battle.

Melita's fluid style should again win out and we expect a big victory.

We tip Melita 4-1.

In what will undoubtedly be the match of the round, Croatia get the chance for revenge against Olympic at King Tomislav Park.

Both teams dropped points last week, with Croatia experiencing their second draw in a row, this time against Monaro.

As we predicted, Olympic dropped their first point to Sutherland's bustling kids, despite their skilfull soccer.

This match should produce some technically good soccer, and it will therefore be up to the strikers to decide the issue. Both teams are balanced throughout, but in the striking department I feel Olympic have the edge.

We tip another Olympic win, 2-1.

New 'district giants' Arncliffe and Bankstown, both with re-modelled, attacking teams meet in a table topping match at the Soccer Centre.

Both teams are proving powerful goal scoring machines, and with Arncliffe's evergreen Alan Ainslie showing he has lost none of his deadly fire power, the Scots have a decided edge.

Their team looks more solid all round, though Bankstown, too, have claims to a well balanced unit.

Daley and Davis are regularly among the goals, while Greg Lynch, Chris Rootsey and David Tansley provide a solid foundation at the back.

We predict a high scoring game with Scots having the edge. **Arncliffe 4-3.**

Sutherland, handily placed after their excellent draw against Olympic, have the talent to take two points this week from an unpredictable Avala.

It should be realised that this is still very much an inexperienced Sutherland outfit and they have done extremely well under coach John Watkiss to earn four points.

Avala, who have now lost twice with only one victory under their belts, must go all out here to keep up with the field.

However, I don't think they will be able to counter the eagerness of Sutherland, and the Sharks should win.

We tip Sutherland 2-0.

During the week there was plenty of discussion at Parramatta, trying to find out what happened against Auburn.

Renowned as a club which can't play their best against unfancied teams, City collapsed under the weight of Alan Ainslie's famous left foot.

Their battles with local rivals Auburn have always produced entertaining stuff for the crowd, and this week's match should be no exception.

Auburn are another club doing well while still trying to re-forge their team after losing a number of first team players.

With youngsters such as Mark Ross in the side they can happily look forward to the future.

We tip Auburn 3-1.

Canterbury and Ku-ring-gai clash in a match which has just as much importance to the league as the Croatia-Olympic tie.

A loss to either team will be disastrous, while a win will offer new hope.

Ku-ring-gai, after offering so much last year and during the Ampol Cup, still seem unable to find their feet and, what is worse for coach Frank Malone, the gaps in his defence are not being plugged up as he had hoped.

Canterbury's problems are almost as great, though last week's win — narrow as it was — should prove a great tonic.

We tip Canterbury 1-0.

Last, but certainly not least, at Cromer Manly take on Inter Monaro.

Manly surprised most observers last week by grabbing hold of their match against Auburn, then simply letting go.

They may find Monaro another tough customer if they give the game away so generously.

Inter, after a disastrous start to the year, earned a vital point from Croatia, and with the impending return of former captain Alan Bourke to strengthen midfield, Monaro could start to pick up the points.

We feel Monaro could start their revival this week with two more points against Manly.

We tip Monaro 2-1.

NSW FEDERATION OFFICIAL PROGRAM

STATE LEAGUE

ROUND 5, April 5-6

Manly Warr.	v	Inter Monaro	Sunday, Cromer Park
Croatia	v	Syd.Olympic	Sunday, King Tomislav
Sutherland	v	Avala	Sunday, Seymour Shaw
Parramatta City	v	Auburn	Sunday, Garside Park
Bankstown Dis.	v	Arncliffe Scots	Sunday, Soccer Centre
Cant.-M'ville	v	Ku-ring-gai	Sunday, Arlington Oval
North Sydney	v	Melita Eagles	Saturday, Nth.Syd.Oval

DIVISION 1

Revesby Work.	v	Leichhardt	Saturday, Milperra Res.
Polonia	v	Blacktown City	Saturday, Chopin Park
Penrith Untd.	v	Sydney City	Saturday, Cook Park
Yugal	v	Uni. of NSW	Saturday, Concord Ovl.
Bathurst '75	v	Wollongong	Saturday, 2 B.O.D.
Warringah	v	Blacktown Utd.	Saturday, Narrabeen
Marconi	v	Belmore	Saturday, Marconi Oval
BYE	v	St.George	

Revesby	v	Yugal	Monday, Milperra Rsve.
Polonia	v	Bathurst	Monday, Chopin Park
Penrith	v	Warringah	Monday, Cook Park
Sydney City	v	Marconi	Monday, E.S.Marks Fld.
Blacktown City	v	St.George	Monday, Gabbie Stad.
Leichhardt	v	Belmore	Monday, Lambert Park
Uni of NSW	v	Blacktown Utd.	Monday, David Phillips
BYE	v	Wollongong	

NEXT WEEK

Monaro	v	Parramatta	Sunday, Marco Polo
Olympic	v	Manly Warr.	Sunday, Pratten Park
Avala	v	Croatia	Sunday, Knight Park
Melita	v	Sutherland	Sunday, Garside Park
Auburn	v	Bankstown	Sunday, Mona Park
Arncliffe	v	Cant.-M'ville	Sunday, Hurstville Oval
Ku-ring-gai	v	North Sydney	Saturday, Parklands

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DIVISION 2

Gladesville Ravens v North Bankstown, Sun., Peel Park; Baulkham Hills v Gladesville Hornsby Sun., Ted Horwood Res.; Marrickville v Queens Park E/S Sun., Mackey Park; Dee Why v Guildford Sun., Dee Why Oval; Yagoona v Lethbridge Rangers, Sat., O'Neill Park; Campbelltown v Lane Cove, Sat., Lynwood Park.

DIVISION 3

Sydney Uni v Artarmon, St., Lynwood Park; Kingsford v Bonnyrigg Eagles, Sun., Erskineville Oval; Port Hacking v Hurstville-Zagreb, Sat., Seymour Shaw Park; Wenty Waratahs v Bondi Marines, Sun., Centenary Park; North Ryde v Riverstone, Sun., North Ryde Oval; West Ryde Rovers v Liverpool Albion, Sat., L.H. Waud S/G.

DIVISION 4

Ryde District v Chelsea, Sat., Hall Park; Canley Heights v Eastern Creek, Sun., King Park No.1; West Holroyd GIC v Padstow Park, Sun., West Holroyd Sports Ground; Maroubra United v Paddington Spanish, Sun., Coral Sea Park; Revesby Rovers v Eastwood S/A, Sun., Amour Park.

DIVISION 5

Macquarie Uni v Camden, Sat., Macquarie Uni Oval; Winston Hills v Edensor Park, Sun., Max Ruddock Reserve; West St.George v Pagewood, Sun., Evatt Park; Fairfield West v Auburn Juniors, Sun., Parkes Reserve; Sydney Maccabi v Haberfield B/D's, Sat., Cricket Ground 2; Concordia v North Rocks, Sat., Marrickville Oval.

DIVISION 6

Hawkesbury Dist. v Mt.Pritchard, Mon., North Richmond Oval; Glenquarie United v Blacktown Wands., Sun., Bensley Rd. S/Compt.; Chullors v South Sydney Dist., Sat., Soccer Centre; Green Valley Utd. v Liverpool City, Sun., Blamfield Park; Moorebank v Liverpool United, Sun., Hammondville Park; Liverpool Rangers v Bankstown Sports, Sun., Ireland Park.

10 YEARS AGO ...20 YEARS AGO ....10 YEARS AGO 20 YEARS AGO.. 10YEARS AGO...

April 1, 1960.

"The Budapest—South Sydney club refutes the charges that the...club thumbs its nose at things Australian and aims to field a team of sullen foreigners... out of its 33 players, 14 are non-Hungarian."

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April 1, 1960

"Polonia has big plans for this year's competition. President W.Kotulski flew to Poland in December to sign up some players for his club. The players are: P. Czubala, A. Pilot, A. Polak, I. Szklarek and J. Galeczka."

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April 3, 1970

ASF inertia and befuddled thinking have robbed the Australian soccer public of the opportunity to see one of Europe's current glamor club sides this year...Ajax of Amsterdam. They were prepared to play in Australia for $4,500 a match. The international relations of the ASF seem to be in the hands of men whose know-how, vision and daring are extremely limited.

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April 3, 1970

The NSW Federation Executive last Tuesday instructed Croatia and Yugal to change their name to South Sydney and Ryde to eliminate nationalistic symbols.

STATE LEAGUE

OLYMPIC v SUTHERLAND 1-1(1-0)

Sutherland did well to snatch a precious point from the powerful Olympic team — their first dropped point this year.

Olympic launched into attack almost immediately and after six minutes went into the lead when Zeros' 40-metre shot was stopped, then fumbled over the line by Haynes.

The difference between the teams was obvious, with Olympic the more skilled.

However, it was Sutherland which had the better share of dangerous attacking moves but Sutherland's renowned fighting spirit seemed to desert them for long periods, allowing Olympic full reign of the park.

With three minutes to go Ankudinoff had a great chance to make it 2-0 but blasted over the bar.

Two minutes later Hesford snatched the equaliser when he back-headed Keith Schumann's freekick over Gary Meier.

OLYMPIC: Meier 3, Ankudinoff 4, Morris 3, Wilson 3, Rowden 4, Crose 3, Laing 3, Zeros 4, Scott 4, Housseini 3, Hensman 4.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 2, Hesford 3, R. Schumann 5, Smith 5, Dal Forno 4, Tasker 3, Harrington 2, Meades 4, P. Bush 2, K. Schumann 3, Maloney 2.

Goals: 1-0 Zeros (6m), 1-1 Hesford (89m). **Referee:** H. Witschge; **crowd:** 2,850.

— G. de Sceri

MONARO v CROATIA 0-0

This was one of those few incident packed 0-0 draws that can happen: two cautions and one expulsion, and enough chances for both sides to feel unlucky not to have scored gave the crowd their money's worth.

In the first half both teams went close with Talevski for Monaro and Kafka for Croatia having fine attempts.

Kafka looked especially dangerous and was busy, though Marijan Kovacic was also explosive.

Wayne Cootes had a great chance for Croatia, but young Nick Antonopoulos saved well for Monaro by charging down his attempt.

A vital point for Monaro, and a precious point dropped by Croatia.

MONARO: Antonopoulos 5, Pulcini 3, Charles 3, Noble 1 (sent off), O'Neil 4, Falzon 2, Salgado 3 (M. Valeri 71m), Lawler 4, Talevski 3, (Santolin 90m), Heywood 4, Trajanoski 2.

CROATIA: Watson 3, A. Kovacic 3, Cagalj 4, Basic 3, Mullen 4, Cootes 4, Coleman 4, (Vidiac 81m), Savor 3, M. Kovacic 4, Kafka 3, Sullivan 3.

Referee: D. Day; **crowd:** 1,600; **cautions:** Cagalj, Noble; **expulsion:** Noble.

— W. Bourke

AUBURN v MANLY 3-2(2-1)

Manly opened the match playing like world beaters, then amazingly surrendered the game to Auburn just when they could so easily have finished off the struggling green and golds.

Manly started in startling fashion, with Stuart netting in the fourth minute, and with the whole side playing a fast, accurate passing game.

Auburn could hardly believe their luck when the game was handed to them, and they certainly weren't going to pass up the opportunity to capitalise on it.

Ross reduced the arrears with the first of his hat-trick in the 21st minute, then got a second after 40 minutes.

Slack marking by the Manly defence resulted in the goals, while up front they played a stereotyped 'up-the-centre' game which was easily countered.

When Manly returned to their open football they managed another goal, but by then it was too late and too little.

AUBURN: Gisbourne 3, McCawley 4, Dobson 3, McKenndrick 4, Carter 4, MacDonald 4, Quigley 3 (Cornett 85m), Bertram 3, McCranor 3, Ross 5 (Field 87m), McCulloch 3.

MANLY: Dower 3, Mouttet (Geoghegan 56m), Doyle 3, Townshend 3, Burchett 3, Riley 3, Roozendaal 2 (Hiscock 56m), Stuart 4, Firrell 3, Vale 4, Nawalu 3.

Goals: 0-1 Stuart (4m), 1-1 Ross (21m), 2-1 Ross (37m), 3-1 Ross (57m), 3-2 Riley (62m).
Referee: T. Seacy; **crowd:** 253.

— F. Morrison

MELITA v AVALA 2-0(1-0)

Striker Ritchie Williams, transferred from Marconi for about $5,000 proved his worth when he notched both goals for Melita.

With Don Allan off form, Williams played the aggressive striker role and was a bother for the Avala defence for the entire match, combining well with Allan and Terry "terrier" Jones to give the defence a hectic time.

However, the men who made it all possible were midfielders John Stoddart and Ray Farrugia who completely dominated the game giving the forwards a feast of the ball.

Stoddart, who started shakily engineered the first goal with a precision pass to Allan who in turn found Williams in position to hammer a sizzling 20-metre shot in the left hand corner.

Farrugia masterminded the second with superb skill to give Williams a direct shot from 10 metres, the ball deflecting off a defender on its way into the net.

Avala showed plenty of promise early but the forwards were never allowed within range of the Melita goal by a solid defence which was right on top all the way.

MELITA: Greedy 4, Berry 3, McDonald 4, Darvill 4, Mikas 4, Morsello 3 (W. Parker 77m), Williams 4, Farrugia 4, Allan 3, Stoddart 4, Jones 4.

AVALA: Ahrens 4, Bateman 3, Dellar 4, Barton 4, R. Griffiths 3, Pilovski 3 (Rnjak 42m), Dunsic (sent off 65m), Lavin 3, A. Griffiths 3 (Patterson 72m), Kodor 3, Karanfilovski 3.

Goals 1-0 Williams (34m), 2-0 Williams (78m).

Referee: P. Rampley; **crowd:** 2,432.

— C. Spiteri

CANTERBURY v NORTH SYDNEY 1-0(0-0)

Canterbury collected their first points of the season with this scrappy, uninspiring victory.

Both teams found it hard to string passes together and many chances in front of goal were wasted.

In the first half a few individual efforts resulted in near misses, but not enough pressure was exerted by either side for a goal.

Then Craig Hall scored the all important goal in the 63rd minute with a snapshot from 30 metres.

With the North Sydney defence expecting him to pass, he fired the shot in, catching Norths on the hop.

Hall had two further chances but both went wide. On this form both coaches have many problems to sort out if they are to avoid the relegation zone.

CANTERBURY: McPherson 4, G. Brown 3, Sheldrick 3, Penman 3, Thomson 3, Kable 3, Williams 4, Laws 2, (Ramisch 51m), R. Brown 2, (Doyle 82m), Byles 3, Hall 3.

NORTH SYDNEY: Tilsed 3, Walker 3, O'Rourke 3, Henratty 3, Porter 3, Matheson 3, Mitchell 2 (Ruiz 67m), Dale 3, Leyden 3m, Youssef 2, Bottalico 2, (Archie Blue 75m).

Goal: 1-0 Hall (63m).
Referee: K. Small; **crowd:** 210; **cautions:** Henratty, O'Rourke, Ramage.

— G. Streeter

ARNCLIFFE v PARRAMATTA 6-2(1-1)

A brilliant midfield display by Alan Ainslie gave Arncliffe their first win of the season after two previous draws.

The evergreen Ainslie grabbed one of the two hat-tricks scored by his team, the other going to striker Steve Leak.

The lacklustre first half — with only Ainslie and Lackey standing out for the two sides — exploded into action a minute from the break: Brad Hearne was pushed in the back by John Wignall and from the resulting penalty Lackey scored.

Then, from the kick-off Ainslie and Leak combined in a weaving, double passing run, with Leak applying the finishing touch to get the equaliser.

After half time the Scots went into the lead through Leak, but Parramatta's equaliser was to be their last goal.

A fantastic Ainslie freekick restored the lead to Arncliffe and from then on it was all Ainslie and Arncliffe as they scored a resounding win.

ARNCLIFFE: Marsden 3, Ramage 3, Wignall 3, Oldham 4, Ainslie 5, Lee 3, Martin 4, Butcher 3 (Hooper 74m), Montgomery 3, Leak 4, Tracey 4.

PARRAMATTA: Barker 2, Jordan 2, Bigland 3, Barron 4, Lackey 4, Bates 2 (Nitya 54m), Heydec 2 (Forwood 62m), Fisher 4, Hearne 3, Mitchell 2, Waldron 3.

Goals: 0-1 Lackey (pen.44m), 1-1 Leak (45m), 2-1 Leak (46m), 2-2 Lackey (53m), 3-2 Ainslie (72m), 4-2 Ainslie (80m), 5-2 Ainslie (pen.81m), 6-2 Leak (85m).
Referee: G. Power; **crowd:** 305.

— E. de Mesquita

KU-RING-GAI v BANKSTOWN 0-3(0-1)

Bankstown capitalised on a poor performance by Ku-ring-gai to win surprisingly easily.

Bankstown continually won possession from a string of bad Ku-ring-gai passes which broke down most of their movements.

Solid Bankstown striker Mark Davis started the rot when he turned on a ball outside the area and planted it in the corner of the net.

Bankstown's second goal, almost right after halftime, seemed to spur Ku-ring-gai into action, but despite their spell of pressure, goalkeeper Wally Lachowicz was not to be beaten.

In a fast counter attack Dennis Daley followed a movement along the left flank and was on hand to head home a cross to seal the result and kill off Ku-ring-gai's hopes of a revival.

KU-RING-GAI: Taylor 3, Wheatley 5, Vousden 3, Martin 4 (P. Jones 46m), Robertson 4, Geekie 4, Hogg 3, Hamilton 2, Herron 3, Smith (Seech 4,m 40m), McGill 5.

BANKSTOWN: Lachowicz 6, Thomson 4, Lembryk 3, Beater 3, Lynch 4, Rootsey 4, Reid 4, Tansley 3 (Wilson 75m), Brown 5, Daley 4, Davis 5.

Goals: 0-1 Davis (14m), 0-2 Brown (48m), 0-3 Daley (72m).
Referee: T. Davies; **crowd:** 380.

— P. Bevan

WORLD NEWS

Maradona, Romero Sud-Am's top stars

Two youngsters, Diego Maradona of Argentina and Julio Cesar Romero of Paraguay are South America's top players.

Both played last year in the World Youth Cup finals.

This is the result of a giant survey conducted by Venezuela's "El Mundo" newspaper, after quizzing 18 leading journalists in the hemisphere.

Each was asked to nominate his top five players in order of preference.

Of the 18, only five didn't place Maradona on the top of the list.

Romero, in fact, destroyed Australia almost single-handed in Asuncion, Paraguay.

These were the votes from the various countries:

ARGENTINA
1. FILLOL (Argentina)
2. MARADONA (Argentina)
3. R.DIAZ (Argentina)
4. ROMERO (Paraguay)
5. FALCAO (Brazil)

BOLIVIA
1. MARADONA (Argentina)
2. ISASI (Paraguay)
3. CASZELY (Chile)
4. BOCHINI (Argentina)
5. PASARELLA (Argentina)

BRAZIL
1. MARADONA (Argentina)
2. FALCAO (Brazil)
3. FIGUEROA (Chile)
4. ROMERO (Paraguay)
5. ZICO (Brazil)

CHILE
1. MARADONA (Argentina)
2. ROMERO (Paraguay)
3. CASZELY (Chile)
4. AMARAL (Brazil)
5. KIESSE (Paraguay)

COLOMBIA
1. MARADONA (Argentina)
2. ROMERO (Paraguay)
3. MOREL (Paraguay)
4. ZICO (Brazil)
5. FILLOL (Argentina)

COSTA RICA
1. MARADONA (Argentina)
2. FALCAO (Brazil)
3. ROMERO (Paraguay)
4. FILLOL (Argentina)
5. ZICO (Brazil)

EL SALVADOR
1. KEMPES (Argentina)
2. CHUMPITAZ (Peru)
3. CASZELY (Chile)
4. H. SANCHEZ (Peru)
5. J. GONZALEZ (Salvador)

ECUADOR
1. MARADONA (Argentina)
2. MORENA (Uruguay)
3. FILLOL (Argentina)
4. FALCAO (Brazil)
5. ROMERO (Paraguay)

GUATEMALA
1. MARADONA (Argentina)
2. FALCAO (Brazil)
3. FILLOL (Argentina)
4. ZICO (Brazil)
5. ROMERO (Paraguay)

HONDURAS
1. MARADONA (Argentina)
2. FILLOL (Argentina)
3. FALCAO (Brazil)
4. ZICO (Brazil)
5. ROMERO (Paraguay)

MEXICO
1. MARADONA (Argentina)
2. PASARELLA (Argentina)
3. ZICO (Brazil)
4. ROMERO (Paraguay)
5. MORENA (Uruguay)

NICARAGUA
1. FILLOL (Argentina)
2. MARADONA (Argentina)
3. FALCAO (Brazil)
4. PASARELLA (Argentina)
5. FIGUEROA (Chile)

PANAMA
1. MARADONA (Argentina)
2. ROMERO (Paraguay)
3. R. DIAZ (Argentina)
4. FILLOL (Argentina)
5. MORENA (Uruguay)

PARAGUAY
1. MARADONA (Argentina)
2. ZICO (Brazil)
3. TALAVERA (Paraguay)
4. PASARELLA (Argentina)
5. FIGUEROA (Chile)

PERU
1. MARADONA (Argentina)
2. KEMPES (Argentina)
3. ROMERO (Paraguay)
4. CASZELY (Chile)
5. BARBADILLO (Peru)

URUGUAY
1. MARADONA (Argentina)
2. ROMERO (Paraguay)
3. FALCAO (Brazil)
4. MORENO (Uruguay)
5. FILLOL (Argentina)

U.S.A.
1. FALCAO (Brazil)
2. ROMERO (Paraguay)
3. MARADONA (Argentina)
4. MORENA (Uruguay)
5. GALINDO (Chile)

VENEZUELA
1. ROMERO (Paraguay)
2. MARADONA (Argentina)
3. MORENO (Uruguay)
4. ROBERTO (Brazil)
5. R. DIAZ (Argentina)

The final tally of the votes was:

1. MARADONA	80

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2. ROMERO (Paraguay)	40
3. FALCAO (Brazil)	29
4. FILLOL (Argentina)	26
5. ZICO (Brazil)	15
6. MORENA (Uruguay)	13
7. CASZELY (Chile)	11
8. PASARELLA (Argentina)	9
8. KEMPES (Argentina)	9
10. R.DIAZ (Argentina)	7

According to the survey, this should be South America's team of the year:

Fillol
Amaral — Chumpitaz — Figueroa — Pasarella
Falcao — Maradona — Romero
Caszely — Zico — Moreno

A few months ago, a ballot by "France Football" produced this European team of the year:

Hellstroem
Kaltz — Krol — Tresor — Breitner
Boniek — Brady — Platini
Keegan — Rossi — Rummenigge

Diego Maradona — Numero Uno in South America.

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OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• *England scored a morale-boosting 2-0 win over Spain in Madrid last week.*

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• *It's certain now that Liam Brady will leave Arsenal in May — probably for Italy or Bayern Munich. The Londoners have already found his replacement, the Danish Frank Arnesen, 22, costing a cool $1,000,000. So what will they get for Brady?*

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• *Dave Thomas, Wolverhampton's winger, isn't sore about being bypassed for England selection. "Ron Greenwood has his own ideas about soccer and so have I," he said.*

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• *Which foreign stars would you prefer to have in your team? Italian players were asked this intriguing question after the lifting of the bans on foreigners (one per club) and their replies were: Causio: "Krankl." Cabrini: "Boniek." Zoff: "Kempes." Graziani: "Krol" and Gentile: "Keegan."*

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• *Diego Maradona was fairly seriously injured in a friendly match in Chile and has his right knee in plaster. So they've started the "treatment" on the new superstar...*

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• *The West German Bundesliga lost half a million spectators last season.*

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• *Celtic's Icelandic star Johannes Edvaldsson who scored some memorable goals at the Sydney Cricket Ground not so long ago, will be leaving the Scottish club. He will be released for a nominal $100,000 to the North American Tulsa Roughnecks.*

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• *Martin Thomas, 20, of Bristol Rovers, is tipped to be the next goalie of Wales.*

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• *The greatest name in Austrian soccer, Rapid, have been having a lean time: their last championship success was in 1968.*

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• *Manchester United's Steve Coppell will play in the USA in the English close season. He has considerable business interests there, in a certain type of soccer boot.*

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• *The Los Angeles Skyhawks team has folded up. "The American Soccer League is dedicated to mediocrity," said president Bob Nordskog in parting.*

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• *At last, the Americans are learning our bad habits: they have renamed the New York Apollo, New York United...*

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• *Former German ace coach Eckhard Krautzun, previously with the Vancouver Whitecaps, has joined the Houston Hurricanes.*

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• *That wanderlust of the Americans...the New Jersey Americans, in the ASL, have "re-located" in Miami, Florida. The club is owned by a London-based investment company and decided to move south.*

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• *The Rumanian Football Association is celebrating its 50th anniversary. In their year of foundation, in 1930, they took part in the first World Cup in Uruguay.*

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• *In the very first elimination match for the 1982 World Cup finals, Israel and Northern Ireland played a 0-0 draw in Tel Aviv.*

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• *Former all-time Yugoslav great Bobek has returned home to Belgrade after a delicate heart operation in Houston, Texas. He is likely to have a rest first and then join Vardar Skopje as technical director.*

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• *The Paraguay Football Association has offered the post of national coach to their famous son, Heriberto Herrera, who has been coaching in Europe since 1953.*

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• *Three top players are still banned from playing for the Polish national team: Boniek (Widzew), Terlecki (LKS) and Burzynski (Widzew) while two others, previously also on the outer with manager Ryszard Kulesza, have returned to the squad: Anton Szymanowski and Zmuda.*

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• *In the semifinal of the Africa Cup, Nigeria beat Morocco 1-0 in Lagos.*

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• *The final of this year's European Champions' Cup will be played in Madrid on May 28.*

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• *The Italian Perugia is negotiating with Brazilian star Zico to replace Paolo Rossi who is certain to join either AC Milan or Juventus for next season.*

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• *Now that the despised coach Joaquim Rife has been sacked, Barcelona fans are hopeful that new manager Helenio Herrera can bring back former idol Johan Neeskens. At a recent match, the crowd kept chanting Neeskens' name, drowning the whistle of the referee.*

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• *Real Madrid's European Cup match with Celtic produced a gate taking of $600,000 — a Spanish record for a club match.*

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• *West German Bochum's Lutz Gerresheim, 21, died last week of injuries received in a car accident in January, after 45 days in a coma.*

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• *AS Roma is keen to lure away Korean Cha-bum from Eintracht Frankfurt and are willing to offer about $800,000 for the tall striker.*

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• *Brazilian Roberto, imported by Barcelona recently to replace the Austrian Hans Krankl, is back in Rio — not to his old club Vasco but to Flamengo.*

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